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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: QUERY RE ALLEGED PROMISE OF COTTON FOR EGYPT

REF: CAIRO 6691

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EGYPTIAN GENERAL COTTON ORGANIZATION, WHICH IS THE GOE AGENCY IN CHARGE OF ALL ASPECTS OF COTTON GINNING, EXPORTS AND IMPORTS, WITH A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION AS TO THE PROCEDURES TO BE USED IN OBTAINING THE "60,000 BALES OF UPLAND COTTON THAT HAVE BEEN AGREED UPON BETWEEN THE US AND EGYPT UNDER THE PL 480 PROGRAM". THE CHAIRMAN, ZAKARIA TEWFIK, TOLD EMBASSY THAT THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE, FATHI MATBOULI, HAD PERSONALLY SUGGESTED THAT THE EMBASSY BE ASKED FOR THE INFORMATION.

2. REFTEL REPORTED MY AUGUST 28 CONVERSATION WITH FAHMY ON THE GENERAL SUBJECT OF AID COMMODITIES, WITH REFERENCES TO THE AVAILABILITIES OF COTTON AND TALLOW AMONG OTHERS. AT THAT TIME I REQUESTED THE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN PROVIDING CLARIFICATIONS TO BE USED IN REPLYING TO THE QUESTIONS. SINCE THEN FAHMY HAS TWICE ASKED ME IF A REPLY HAD YET BEEN RECEIVED TO HIS QUERY AND SPECIFICALLY ABOUT "60,000 BALES" OF COTTON THAT HAD ALLEGEDLY BEEN PROMISED.

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3. PLEASE ADVISE WHAT RESPONSE WE SHOULD GIVE FAHMY AND

NOW ALSO TEWFIK ON THIS SUBJECT.

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